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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MIXING PULP
SUSPENSION WITH A FLUID MEDIUM WITH A FREELY
ROTATABLE MIXING ROTOR**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23.

Please add the following new claims:

24. Apparatus for mixing a fluid medium with a solids-liquid suspension, comprising:
- a mixer casing having an inlet attached by a flange to inlet piping, and an outlet;
 - a conduit for feeding the fluid medium into said casing or inlet piping; and

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